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### 1964-03-19, Bette to Parents

Bette J. Barto

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## Summary

This collection contains 139 correspondence from Maj. Bette J. Barto, USAFE to her parents while serving as a nurse during the late 1950s and 1960s. Also included are three photographs, one special orders document, and one marriage license. In several cases, Bette refers to her parents as "Lizzie" and "Hugh Elmer," or simply "Elmer." Three letters from 1961 or 1962 are undated and placed in a separate folder.

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*Airmail*

*Mr & Mrs. H. E. Harris  
1717 Highland Avenue  
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6 am

Thursday  
19 March 1944

Dear Mom and Daddy,

This will be a brief hi because I'm waiting for the coffee to perk while Ray gets his shower & shave.

I usually goof off a bit from 0545 to about 0630 because I have to get into the bathroom to mess around with my makeup and all, so I often do  $\frac{1}{2}$  a day's housework each morning. Helma, the maid, comes today so I have everything pretty well lined up for her to do.

I made a mistake when I bought 2-(9 x 12) gold cotton rugs. They were ok until



they began to be soiled and now I find it impossible to get them washed for less than 6<sup>00</sup> and they cost only 16<sup>00</sup> initially. To do them in the washateria is OK but you can't dry them there; so I have to wait for a sunny day and bring them home to dry on the fence! Never again!

Ray and I have an extra day off tomorrow (my Geo. wash. B/S. holiday) and we need it because we have had no chance to get the yard done yet. I scrounged some new patio paint, too, and we want to get it on this week if possible.



I started scratching out the dead eye grass & roots in the front yard day before yesterday afternoon and got a dozen baskets full and only got half of the yard completed. It looks like it might let the roots of the live grass breathe again, but I don't know. Ray didn't fuss when he saw my handiwork so I guess it was ok.

My <sup>all</sup> tulips, <sup>yellow</sup> Jonquils <sup>white</sup> dandytuft are blooming like crazy in the back yard.

The front yard tulips are a later variety but will probably come out by next week!



I'm glad you got Jill & Jeff  
& Joel something off for  
Easter, you'd never have  
been satisfied if you'd missed.  
I'm like you I have nothing  
yet and don't plan on any-  
thing. I will need new  
white shoes this year but  
that can wait as can my  
dress alterations.

Col Ike & Helen will be  
home for a few days this  
weekend. The Florida Check  
out in the little L-19 (motor  
driven airplane) didn't take  
Col Ike as long as scheduled  
so they're taking leave to  
come home & get the household  
goods ready to move. The  
Saigon trip is still on for



Cal. Ike.

We still are waiting to hear from Gen. Graham. He got back from Iran Saturday and went home again in the states so we didn't get to talk to him. If Ray goes to work for him we would stay here, mom; just Ray's job would change. He would probably go quite a bit with the General but he wouldn't have as much flying time in fighter aircraft so that's what is not too pleasing to Ray. He will have to wait on the General though because things change so quickly.

Quit worrying though



mom, because we will probably have to go overseas at least one more tour and its no more dangerous over there than it is at 1717 Highland in this day & age. The foreign countries don't want bombs there any more than we do so its about as risky one place as another. We are not on the look for any assignment at present. Ray checked through a friend in the Pentagon.

Gotta quit & get ready. More later. I enjoyed all the extra mail. I have sev. mysteries to mail you & have the box almost ready.  
Love Betty Day